## AMENDMENTS

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 28 and ending on page 4, line 7, with the following replacement paragraph:

According to the invention, the locking piece comprises:

- a first part of general cylindrical form, engaged in the retaining plate in order to allow its rotation on the plate,
- a second part disposed on the side opposite to the rod and arranged to allow the locking piece to rotate, and
- a third part, disposed on the side of the rod, intended to interact with it and comprising, for this purpose, two wings inscribed in a dummy cylinder of the same axis as the second axis BB' and of slightly smaller diameter than the width l of the groove, said wings being arranged such that, in the locking position, they are inscribed in the external diameter D of the groove and ~~espouse~~ take on the contour of the internal diameter d and, in the unlocking position, they ~~espouse~~ take on the contour of the external diameter D.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 15 – 23 with the following replacement paragraph:

It is advantageous that the locking piece comprises positioning means ensuring that it is retained in the locked and unlocked positions. They are formed by a frictional engagement of a part of the locking piece on the retaining plate and, in a particularly advantageous embodiment, by the wings which extend on the sides of the groove

beyond its bottom, and whose free end ~~espouse~~ takes on, in the locked position, the contour of the internal diameter d, in such a way as to define a notch engagement.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 24 – 32, with the following replacement paragraph:

The locking piece 22 is therefore mobile in rotation along the axis BB'. The wings 40 of the part 38 of the piece 22 are arranged such that in locked position, visible in figure 1c, they are inscribed in the external diameter D of the groove 14 and ~~espouse~~ take on the contour of the internal diameter d. The wings 40 of the part 38 thus occupy practically all the space lying between the walls of the groove 14, such that the rod 12 and the pull-out 20 move integrally in translation.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 34 and ending on page 7, line 5, with the following replacement paragraph:

A quarter turn rotation of the locking piece 22 is used to move to the second unlocked position, visible in figure 2c, in which the wings 40 ~~espouse~~ take on the contour of the external diameter D of the groove 14. The axis AA' is then included in the plane of symmetry of the wings 40. In this position, the groove 14 is released and the rod 10 can be moved in translation independently of the pull-out 20, to allow it to be pushed in or pulled out.

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